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REMARKS

Prior to the present Office Action, claims 1-9 were pending. Claims 10-20 are added. Therefore, claims 1-20 are presently pending.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being obvious over Chin, et al. (USPN 6, 830,546). For the following reasons, this rejection is believed obviated.

The present application properly claims priority back to application serial number 09/102,723 filed on June 22, 1998, now issued as Patent No. 5,895,353. In particular, Applicants note that the drawings up through Fig. 10D and accompanying description are identical.

The following is the cross-reference to related applications from the cited Chin, et al. patent:

The present application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 09/521,279 filed on Mar. 7, 200, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,348,037 which is a continuation of application Ser. No. 09/200,218 filed on Nov. 25, 1998, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,162,173, and a continuation-in-part application of application Ser. No. 09/102,723 filed on Jun. 22, 1998 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,895,353, which are incorporated herein in their entirety.

Therefore, the present application and Chin, et al. claim priority back to the same filing date of June 22, 1998, the filing date of the application which matured into Patent No. 5,895,353.

Accordingly, the rejection under 35 USC §102(e) is inapplicable.

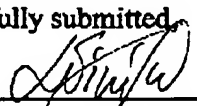
Applicants respectfully request entrance of new dependent claims 10-20 which pertain to additional embodiments of the invention. No new matter is added.

In accordance with the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that claims 1-20 are allowable. If there is any further hindrance to allowance of the present claims, the

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